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For: ELECTRONIC VOTING METHOD AND  
SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
HAVING RECORDED THEREON A  
PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE  
METHOD

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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